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Fall Foliage Tour to Dennyland



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Membership Information

Do you like old cars? We at the Western PA Region of the Antique Automobile Club of America are excited to share our fun and exciting activities, events and resources.

You don't have to own an antique automobile to become a member, However, you must first join our national club, The Antique Automobile Club of America (AACA) before joining our Region. For national membership information and to join online visit: www.aaca.org AACA is the largest and oldest antique automobile club in the world and offers a wide variety of resources, and activities. All national members also receive the beautiful *Antique Automobile Magazine*.

For a Western PA Region AACA new membership application visit: http://westernparegion.org/membership/wpr_application.html

New members must attend a Western PA Region monthly meeting to be voted in and welcomed. Our monthly meetings are held on the third Tuesday of every month except December and January. We are a Latrobe-based club.

Upon receipt of your membership application, our Membership Chairman will contact you to schedule a convenient monthly meeting for you to attend. Our monthly meetings take place at several venues in the Latrobe and Greensburg, PA area.

To learn more about our club and activities visit our website: www.westernparegion.org

Please also feel free to contact any of the directors above with questions about memberships.

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Newspaper ads like this were real "eye catchers" back in the day. Printing and layout techniques at the time required intricate mechanical "paste-ups", where dexterous layout artists would assemble various hard copy pieces of typesetting and graphic images by hand, adhering the pieces with hot wax onto large layout boards. These boards were then photographed using giant process cameras in order to make large negatives from which printing press plates were "burnt" and hung on the press to print the newspapers.

Most all of today's printing layouts are done digitally, and transferred "direct to plate" without negatives or cameras for offset lithography printing. Print is not dying, but it certainly has changed. So have the prices of a new car!

Watch for Updates on Future WPR Events

Christmas Party Canceled

Due to Covid-19 virus precautions, there will be no Western PA Region Christmas Party this year, nor are there any other events planned through the end of 2020.



Many of our members are volunteering to help with the U.S. Marine Corps Toys for Tots drive again this year to help bring Christmas cheer to local children. In the past, these members have brought Toys for Tots collection boxes to the Western PA Region Christmas Party where members have been very generous contributing beautiful toys.

Since we are unable to have a region Christmas Party this year, let's share the bright spirit of Christmas by donating new, unopened toys at Toys for Tots collection boxes located throughout our area at fire departments, grocery stores, post offices, pharmacies and other businesses. For more information visit <https://jeannette-pa.toysfortots.org/local-coordinator-sites/lco-sites/default.aspx?n-PageID=100&nPreviewInd=200>

In to 2021

We hope to start 2021 off with our traditional **Annual Meeting**, but will have to see how the Covid-19 virus situation goes for scheduling. The region directors will keep you informed via email, flyers and *The Western Round-Up*. There is the possibility that we may not be able to get together in January. If not, we will do so at the earliest opportunity in the interest of keeping everyone well and safe.

AACA National has a full schedule planned for 2021, which you can see in *Antique Automobile Magazine* and online at aaca.org. Hopefully, the pandemic situation will steadily improve so that these events can take place.

We are hopeful that 2021 will present the Western PA Region with the opportunity to steer more towards a fuller enjoyment of the old car hobby and the things we like to do and share.

2021 Dues

A Western PA Region 2021 membership renewal form will be emailed and mailed to all members. Please join us again next year as we move forward. Remember to renew your AACA national dues first. There was an AACA membership renewal card packaged within the wrapper of the most recent issue of *Antique Automobile Magazine*. You can also renew and pay your 2021 AACA national dues online at aaca.org.



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Preparing to depart for the WPR tour to Jim's Cars, Cris Detwiler shows that super service can certainly open doors.

Dennyland Fall Foliage Tour

by Carl Erb



Rose's Diner offers a warm, nostalgic glow in the main showroom.



l-r, John Kuhs, Sr., Denny Heindl and Cris Detwiler talk cars.



A panorama line-up of stunning '50's Fords and Chevys with a Plymouth Convertible far left, and Whizzer bicycle encased on the wall.

We were fortunate to have a beautiful October day in the height of fall foliage season for our long drive through the countryside to Dennyland in Ridgway, PA. Our departure time was 9:00 a.m. at the McDonald's parking lot on U.S. Route 22 in Blairsville, PA, where our group had time to grab a quick breakfast.

Because of the long distance only three antique/classic/collectible cars were on the tour, Tom King's 1938 Chrysler Imperial, Mark Jackson's 2004 Jeep Grand Cherokee and my 1970 Citroen DS21. Amanda-Lawson Drab, who I was reluctant to invite on the tour because of the recent loss of her husband Scott, called me while en route to let me know that she and her mother were late and about 15

minutes behind us in her Maserati Convertible and would meet us at Dennyland. The total group now included 7 cars and 15 people.

Although I had mapped out the most direct route for our 82-mile trip to Dennyland on some U.S. routes, it turned out to be a beautiful drive through the country at the peak of the foliage season. We went straight up 119N past Indiana where it funneled down to 2 lanes before passing through the towns of Home and Marion Center into Punxsutawney, where we planned a rest stop at a Sheetz gas station. At the intersection where Sheetz was located, we turned onto PA 301N going through the towns of Reynoldsville and Falls Creek where we picked

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Police officer and gas globes



Antique gas pumps and an Indian motorcycle



1936 Ford Convertibles - 4 door and Roadster



A sturdy and stately 1927 Hudson Sedan



Magnificent Model T Ford Firetruck



The fins of these Plymouth Furys illustrate the exciting dynamics of the Chrysler Corporation's late '50's to early '60's "Forward Look"

up U.S. 219 to Dennyland.

Dennis Heindl, owner of Dennyland, is a Ridgway native and very successful businessman, owner of a radio station, and part owner of the Pittsburgh Pirates and other businesses in the past. He is also listed in multiple "Who's Who In" publications including; "-The World; -Finance and Industry; and -America" and has been nominated for Entrepreneur of the Year in PA. His buildings at Dennyland sit behind a beautiful wrought iron fence and a classy gate sporting the word "Dennyland". Since Denny was already there waiting for us to arrive with his friend Erika, the gate was programmed to open automatically to allow us to enter and park. Denny says, "I have no preference to any year, manufacturer or type of vehicle, I just buy what I like". That would explain why amongst almost 60 vehicles in his collection, which are nearly all original or restored to original concours quality, the first vehicle you see in the middle of the showroom under a crystal chandelier on a turntable is a completely "tricked out", chromed wherever possible, resto-mod, 1950 Chevrolet ½ ton pickup truck. When one of our tour members inquired about it, he said, "I just couldn't pass it up at a Barret-Jackson auction where a friend of mine was bidding for me and it "hammered down" for about ½ the price it was expected to sell for. When I asked about the significance of the permanently mounted bicycle in the pickup bed, he said, "I really don't know, it came with the truck". The bicycle was an artist's rendition, completely chromed with gold spoked wheels with whitewall tires, including a spare wheel, that matched the ones on the pickup. In a fancy art gallery, the bicycle alone would undoubtedly sell for thousands of dollars.

There are nearly 60 cars in Denny's collection with about 22 in the main showroom, fashioned after Dr Scott Drab's which we visited in 2018, and the rest in the larger

showroom further up the driveway. In front of the pickup in the middle of the building are 1958 Ford and 1961 Cadillac convertibles. Behind the pickup is a 1956 Chevy Bel Air and the 1950 Hudson Convertible which at a Boca Raton Concours Event Jay Leno was photographed talking to Denny about it. To enjoy these photos visit the Dennyland website: dennylandclassiccars.com The red-carpet walkway that surrounds the cars in the middle starts with a 1956 Cadillac Biarritz Convertible, then in the left corner of the building is a cozy seating area with footstools, a coffee table and one of many Betty Boop statuettes displayed throughout the building, this one serving an ice cream sundae. Although Denny does have a 1901 Oldsmobile on display on the left wall, it is a replica. So, the oldest original car he has is a 1918 Dodge with a mannequin mechanic looking under the hood, then an AACA award winning 1932 Studebaker Dictator, a 1936 Ford Deluxe Phaeton 4 Door Convertible and other 1930's cars. Along the back wall are eight mostly 50's cars, starting with a 1953 Chevy on the left and ending with a 1957 Chevy on the right with two 40's cars and two 1955/56 Ford "T" Birds in the middle. High on that back wall are also a couple of bicycles in oak framed glass cases, one of them being an antique Whizzer Motorbike.

In the right corner is Rose's Diner, named for Denny's wife Rose, complete with a 1950's soda fountain, a Coca Cola vending machine, lots more Betty Boop figurines, a countertop juke box song selector and other memorabilia of that era. Further along the right wall are shelves with gas pump globes of every company, antique pedal cars and two very high visible gas pumps with a classic Indian motorcycle in between. Even the inside of the garage doors are part of the display with an antique car crossing a bridge on one and a Dennyland collage, that we used as a background for our group photo, on another. While taking the group photo I made certain to introduce Amanda and Denny to each other to cement the



Jill Jackson strolls the red carpet between a 1954 Chevy, 1951 Ford and a high-finned Plymouth Convertible

Music, Music, Music...Early Antique Phonographs & Memorabilia at Dennyland



Amazing early phonographs of every shape and size including exotic horns, turn tables, wax cylinder models and arcade machines



Toni and Philip Beattie enjoy the ornate cabinets of these floor model phonographs.



A unique, round cabinet "Modernola" phonograph made in Johnstown, PA



Denny explains how a "Multiphone" musical entertainment machine works.

connection between Denny's showroom being fashioned after her husband Dr. Drab's showroom.

After visiting the main showroom, we went to the next building that houses Denny's unbelievable collection of antique phonographs which may very well be the one of the largest in the world. Denny has hundreds of these gems from the first Edison cylinder type phonographs with wax cylinders to all sorts of countertop and free-standing floor variations with turntables, from teeny tiny ones to one that Denny said, if he turned it on would force you to cover your ears because it is so loud, even outside. There is one that has 4 turntables, one that has dancing figures, one that plays a violin and even a beautiful circular floor model from the Modernola Phonograph Company in Johnstown, PA. All the phonographs in Denny's collection work and we were amazed with the quality of the sound when Denny played several of them for us.

Next, we went to the larger building a little further up the driveway which houses so many cars that it would

be impossible to tell you about them all. There are cars from nearly every American car company. He also has a few unique early 1900's trucks including a firetruck as well as a later vintage U.S. Army jeep with a machine gun mounted in the rear. In this building there is a core of 12 cars and trucks in the center surrounded by a red carpeted walkway with cars and trucks lined up along all the walls. Denny did tell me that he does have a favorite in the Plymouth Fury, "because I always wanted one when I was young but could not afford it". That is evidenced by the five he now owns sitting side by side in this building, a 1956, 1957, 1958 and two 1959's.

Before leaving Dennyland, we thanked Denny for allowing us to be the very first car group to visit his collection and when asked, he said, "we are welcome to come back anytime". If you were not on this tour, you certainly should plan to be on the next one because this is one of

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The wild, artsy, custom bicycle that came with Denny's resto-mod 1950 Chevy Pickup



A colorful line-up of Chevrolet Camaro muscle



Elvis entertains at Rose's Diner.



A 1928 Franklin 4-door Sedan. Franklins were made in Syracuse, NY and featured a unique air-cooled engine.



1970 Shelby Mustang Fastback

the most incredible private car and phonograph collections anywhere.

After leaving Dennyland our plan was to stop in DuBois, PA at Hoss's for a meal, but when we arrived at Hoss's something looked rather strange. The only cars in the parking lot were parked on one side along the perimeter of the lot. When I pulled up in my strange looking Citroen a couple of young men who were standing by those cars came right over to us. I thought they really wanted to have a look at my car. Although they were somewhat interest-

ed, the main reason they approached us was to tell us that the power had just gone out and the restaurant was closed. After a quick discussion with the people in our group and not having a backup plan, and not wanting to drive around looking for a restaurant that did have power, everyone decided to just make their own way back home. Despite this little glitch it was an otherwise wonderful day for those who participated in our Dennyland Fall Foliage Tour. ■

Drive Your Old Car



Spell

W E S T E R N

There's still time to participate in the Spell WESTERN photo contest. Get out your antique or classic car(s.) Take a picture of them by a place with a sign that starts with each letter in the word WESTERN. Then submit the photos to Mark DeFloria by email westernparegion@hotmail.com or as hard copies by U.S. Mail to: Mark DeFloria 123 Fosterville Road, Greensburg, PA 15601.

Mark will then post them on the website in 2021. There will be nice prizes. **Deadline for submission is December 31, 2020.** Thanks to all who have submitted photos so far. There will be some good weather yet. You don't have to go too far to find those letters. It's a way to have some old car fun during the pandemic, while following social distancing and safe practices.



Win Prizes!

Legislative Update



By Kelly Adams
Vice President - Legislation



I hope everyone is staying safe during this unprecedented time. As VP of Legislation I am tasked with learning what U.S. states, Canadian provinces and the U.S. Federal Government are doing legislatively that may affect our hobby. I have spoken to Colby Martin Director of Specialty Equipment Market Association (SEMA) Action Network. He and his team are dedicated to learning what laws are being considered that can affect the automotive industry as a whole. Many of these proposed laws can directly affect our old car hobby. Some of the proposals could effectively end our hobby. I encourage all of you to contact SAN at SEMA.org, look around their site and especially click on the government affairs tab.

On the legislative front a few things of note have taken place or are taking place.

- In Canada the provinces of both New Brunswick and Nova Scotia have proclaimed July 2020 as “Automotive Heritage Month.”
- In Massachusetts there is a bill to allow the restoration of year of manufacture plates for antique vehicles. It has passed one committee and has moved on to a new committee.

– West Virginia passed a law that would allow antique military vehicles to display alternate registration insignia instead of traditional license plates. This protects the aesthetic appearance of these vehicles. These vehicles must be 25 years old or older, manufactured for use in any country’s military forces and be maintained to accurately represent its military and design markings to qualify.

– Kansas HB 2420 to allow for the registration and on-road use of surplus military vehicles. Currently only antique military vehicles over 35 years old can be registered for on-road use. The bill passed the House but failed to pass the Senate before adjournment.

– Kansas HB 2528 to redefine vehicles eligible to be registered as antique vehicles. Currently Kansas defines antique vehicles as 35 years or older and as close to original as possible. The bill only required that the vehicles be 35 years old or older regardless of the components. The Bill passed the House but failed to pass the Senate Transportation Committee before adjournment.

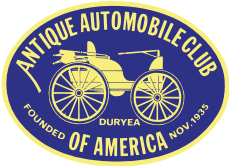
– Kansas SB 330 to allow for the registration and on-road use of four-wheeled surplus military vehicles. The bill passed the House but failed to pass the Senate before adjournment.

This info was compiled from SEMA Action Network website of current Bills regarding antique automobiles. SEMA Action Network is a fabulous resource for ever changing legislation relating to our hobby.

If any of you learn about a bill in your area that could affect our hobby, please send an email to fordgal34@gmail.com

-- The Rummage Box





John Ross Kuhns and John Kuhns, Sr. attended the 2020 AACA Special Fall Nationals in Gettysburg, PA November 6-7. Here are photos that John Ross took of some beautiful and interesting cars in attendance. It looks like the weather was nice and we hear the event was a fine success following CDC guidelines. Thanks John Ross for sharing these photos.



This 1900 Locomobile helped pave the way for automobiles.



As per John Ross, "One of our personal favorites! A seldom-seen 1930 Ruxton. Check out those awesome headlights!"



A 1934 Pierce Arrow with those glorious trademark headlights flared into its fenders



As per John Ross, "There's not a much cooler grocery-getter than this 1964 Impala Wagon with a 409 and a factory four-speed."

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Model A Ford - 28-31 Sedan Rear Fenders - original steel - left and right side, \$600. pair or OBO

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Name That Car

by Mark Jackson

October's Roadside Memory



Clay Stoner was the first to correctly identify October's Roadside Memory as Shirey's Cabins which were cute little wooden cottages travelers could stay in as they traveled U.S. Route 30. The cabins were located along Route 30 between Latrobe and Ligonier. Shirey's Lakeview Motel sat adjacent to the cabins. After closing in 1988, these little cabins were sold and moved to different locations. I took this photo of the Shirey Cabins with my Minolta 35mm film camera on a Sunday drive not long after they closed. Clay Stoner sent us a recent photo of two of the cabins which were moved to a location along Old Route 30. Tom King also correctly identified the cabins. Bill Maurer remembered them as well.



Clay Stoner took this photo of two surviving Shirey Cabins which were moved to a new location along Old Route 30.

Our family stayed overnight at some little cabins similar to the Shirey Cabins on our way to Niagara Falls during our first family vacation in 1962. Dad drove my Grandfather's 1951 Buick Roadmaster. I was 6 and my sister was 4 years old at the time. Dad chronicled our cabin stay and trip with his new Kodak Brownie 8mm movie camera. There is footage of me running out of the cabin being silly and of Elaine and I enjoying a large swing on the cabin grounds. The dark green '51 Roadmaster can be clearly seen parked in the background. That trip made some beautiful memories for us. Our parents knew how to have fun and make the best of things on a small budget.

November's Mascot



Members who went on the WPR Fall Foliage Tour to Dennyland saw one of the finest collections of antique phonographs and early recording memorabilia in the USA in addition to an extraordinary collection of antique cars. Whether you were there or not, do you know this dog's name and what recording company he is the mascot of? Be the first to contact me with the correct answers and win a \$15 Sheetz gift card. Call 724-832-9074 and leave a message or email jacksonmark469@gmail.com. Bonus - what was the slogan that went with the dog?

We'll feature a car to guess again in December.

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A great American tradition...

Going home for Thanksgiving

We've come a long way since the time of the "horseless carriage." Cranks, magnetos and car-bide lamps are now museum pieces. We no longer need gauntlets, goggles or linen dusters when we take to the open highway.

Yet, there's been little change in the spirit and traditions of Thanksgiving. As with our Pilgrim Fathers, it remains a day of worship, of giving

thanks for our abundance, of turkey and all the trimmings, of games and family get-togethers.

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THESE's something irrepressibly youthful about the Lincoln-Zephyr—those long, lithe lines, the smart sweep of its sleek hood, the graceful contour of rear deck. It's a handsome, gleaming beauty that promises more fun per gallon than any car you've ever owned.

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